

Historic Vegetation--Fall '99 Update

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The Historic Vegetation initiative has added townships in McDonald, Newton, Vernon, Benton, and St. Clair Counties towards its goal of mapping the state. Coverage has also expanded in the Chariton and Current-Eleven Point drainage basins. Interpretive maps and data have been provided to the Missouri National Guard. The Geographic Resources Center submitted an application for major funding to the National Endowment for the Humanities in summer 1999. The GRC is also seeking funding to map the historic vegetation of the Missouri River corridor for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in 2004. A research article, "Reconstruction of early nineteenth-century vegetation and fire regimes in the Missouri Ozarks," by M. J. Batek, et al., appeared in the March 1999 issue of the *Journal of Biogeography*. The article is based on the initial historic vegetation work in 1993-94.